to the Indian Army deployed at a borders of China in North-East to Siachin in Kashmir are out of order due to lack of accessories and maintenance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when these aircrafts will be repaired; and

(d) by when the transport fleet of Air Force is likely to be modernized?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Repair, Maintenance and Modernisation of transport fleet of the Air Force is a continuous process and appropriate measures are taken as and when required.

Report of GOM on one-rank-one-pension

†49. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Group of Ministers constituted to consider the issue related to 'One rank one pension' has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report;

(c) the decision taken by Government on this report; and

(d) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted by the Group of Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Group of Ministers, after deliberations, has finalised its recommendation. The decision of the Cabinet is awaited.

Talks with Hurriyat leaders

50. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister reopened the stalled talks with Hurriyat

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

leaders, assuring an honourable and durable solution to the Kashmir problem;

(b) if so, what was the precise stand of the Hurriyat leaders and Government in this regard; and

(c) how far the talks were successful in narrowing down the difference and thrashing out an "honourable solution"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes sir. The Prime Minister met a delegation of All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on September 5, 2005. During the talks, the Prime Minister reaffirmed his faith in a peaceful resolution of all issues pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir and reiterated the Government's stance that violence has no role in a democracy. The APHC delegation stressed that an honourable and durable solution should be found through dialogue. It was agreed that the only way forward is to ensure that all forms of violence at all levels should come to an end. It was also agreed to carry forward the dialogue process so that all regions and all shades of political opinion in Jammu and Kashmir are involved. The Government considers this as a good beginning to find an honourable solution to all issues on Jammu and Kashmir.

Setting up of Police Mission

51. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Police Mission; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister, in his speech delivered during the Conference of DsGP/IsGP on 6.10.2005 in New Delhi, mentioned that a Police Mission should be established in order to achieve the needs of the police forces for capacity building, better training and increased investment and to achieve greater inter-service and inter-State coordination.